

Weekly Pack

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English

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The Case of the Missing Melody

Cairo Museum bustled with activity. Tourists marvelled at towering **pyramids** (triangular monuments from ancient Egypt) while children chased each other through the halls. Sarah, a budding archaeologist, lingered near a display of sparkling **crystals** (clear, beautiful stones), their prismatic colours catching her eye.

Suddenly, a commotion erupted from the music exhibit. Mr. Rashid, the museum curator, rushed out, his face a mask of worry. "Our most valuable music box has gone silent!" he exclaimed. "It played a beautiful melody every hour, but now there's nothing!" A hush fell over the crowd. A missing melody? This was a **mystery** (something unknown or puzzling) that demanded solving!

Sarah, ever curious, decided to investigate. She examined the music box, a delicate contraption adorned with intricate golden **symbols** (objects representing something else). Next to it lay a single **cymbal** (a pair of clashed metal discs used as a musical instrument). "That's strange," she thought. "Cymbals are usually played in pairs. Why would there be just one?"

As she pondered this **symptom** (a sign of a problem), an idea sparked in her mind. Perhaps the missing cymbal was the key! She searched the exhibit and found a small inscription near a display of ancient percussion instruments. It spoke of a special **rhythm** (a repeating pattern of sound) created by a single cymbal strike, used to silence magical music boxes.

Sarah's heart pounded with excitement. Could this be connected to the missing melody? She carefully retrieved the lone cymbal and, with a deep breath, tapped it gently against the palm of her hand. A soft, high-pitched ring echoed through the hall. And then, to everyone's astonishment, the music box whirred back to life, filling the air with its enchanting tune.

The mystery was solved! Sarah, the young archaeologist with a keen eye for detail, had not only identified the **typical** (common, expected) symptom of a silenced music box but also used her knowledge of ancient symbols and rhythms to crack the case. Cheers erupted from the crowd, and Mr. Rashid beamed his gratitude. Sarah, a hero in the making, knew this was just the beginning of her many adventures.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Where did the story take place?

Cairo Museum

2. What was the problem with the music box?

The most valuable music box has gone silent.

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3. What clue helped Sarah solve the mystery?

She found a single cymbal next to the music box.

4. How did Sarah bring back the music box's melody?

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5. Why was Sarah a good detective?

Because she managed to find a clue to help her solve the mystery.

Vocabulary Questions:

6. What is the shape of a pyramid?

Triangular shape.

7. A cymbal is a musical instrument used in what way?

It is used by clashing the two pieces of the cymbal pair together.

8. Can you tap your foot to the rhythm of your favorite song?

Yes, because rhythm means the tune of the song.

9. What are some things that can be made of crystal?

Jewelry, gemstones, chandeliers

10. How many syllables are in the word "banana"?

three

11. If you have a fever, it might be a symptom of what?

A cold, the flu, covid-19

12. A detective story is full of what?

mysteries

13. How does your body get oxygen?

By inhaling the oxygen from the air through the lungs.

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14. What is a typical breakfast food?

Eggs

15. The dove of peace is a well-known symbol of what?

Peace and calm

16. What is the baby of a swan called?

Cygnets

17. The words sung in a song are called **Lyrics**

18. A **gymnast** is an athlete who performs exercises requiring balance, agility, and strength.

19. How would you describe someone who is laughing hysterically?

hysterical

20. What is essential for all living things to survive?

oxygen